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SUBJECT: AFRICAN STUDENTS VISIT TO NEW YORK

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1. ALTHOUGH REFTEL APPEARS ON SURFACE TO BE A REQUEST FOR SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS, A SECOND READING OF STATEMENTS SUCH AS "PREVIOUS TRIPS HAVE BEEN MARRED BY INCIDENTS" AND "ADVICE ON NYC ATTRACTIONS" MAKES US WONDER WHETHER TOURISTIC ASSISTANCE IS REALLY ALL THAT IS DESIRED.

2. CU/AF HAS NEVER ATTEMPTED TO DESIGN A PROGRAM FOCUSED ON AVOIDING THE GUILLIBLE TOURIST RIPOFF, AND A DISCUSSION (IN FRENCH) OF NYC TOURIST ATTRACTIONS CAN BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST BY THE NYC INTERNATIONAL CENTER. HOWEVER, WE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A PROFESSIONALLY ORIENTED PROGRAM WHICH COULD PROVIDE AN INSIGHT INTO AMERICAN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES--IF NOT THIS YEAR, THEN CERTAINLY IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

3. CU/AF IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT SORT OF FY-76 PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED, IF ANY. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IN-

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FORMATION ON THE EXACT NATIONALITIES OF ALL POSSIBLE
PARTICIPANTS, A SUMMARY OF THE CURRICULUM THEY FOLLOW
BOTH AT BORDEAUX AND IN QUEBEC, AND AN ASSESSMENT
OF WHAT THEY WOULD AND SHOULD EXPERIENCE DURING A VERY
SHORT U.S. VISIT.

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